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ABSTRACT

A compilation of analytical results are presented for selected radiochemical and chemical characteristics for 200 water samples collected from 92 wells in Sarasota County, Florida. Radium-226 analysis was made on 161 of the water samples and 86 samples equaled or exceeded the 5 picocuries per liter maximum contaminant level established by the National Interim Primary Drinking Water Regulations.

INTRODUCTION

Sarasota County, located on the west coast of Florida about 50 miles south of Tampa, is predominantly a retirement and tourist oriented area. The pleasant climate has created a 35-mile urban development along the coast. Industrial development is limited to the service industry and environmentally clean industry such as optics, electronics, and printing. Population growth has created increasing demands on water supplies in the area, both public and domestic.

Previous sampling of water from wells in Sarasota County has indicated that some ground water contains radionuclides, in particular radium-226, in concentrations that exceed recommended limits for public water supplies (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1976). Past sampling has been sparse, unsystematic, and from wells open to multiple water-bearing zones. Thus, little is known of the vertical distribution of radionuclides in ground water or hydrogeologic controls that determine their distribution. This study, being done in cooperation with Sarasota County, is designed to establish baseline data on the natural occurrence of radionuclides in ground water in the county.

The radiochemical data presented in this report were acquired by selective sampling and logging of existing wells and new wells as they were drilled between January 1976 and April 1979. Wells selected for radiochemical sampling were those open to specific water-bearing zones or those which were sampled at specific depths as they were drilled. These samples were analyzed for radium-226 and occasionally for radium-228 by the U.S. Geological Survey National Water Quality Laboratory in Arvada, Colo. The U.S. Geological Survey National Water Quality Laboratory in Atlanta, Ga., analyzed for major ions except for one sample that was analyzed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Borehole geophysical logging techniques that were used to determine the water-bearing zones were gamma ray, caliper, electrical resistivity, temperature, and conductivity.

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS

The water resources of Sarasota County have been described in many publications. Stringfield (1933) investigated several areas of the county, Bishop (1960) reported on the freshwater resources, and Joyner and Sutcliffe (1976) described the hydrogeology of the county and presented large amounts of data on the chemical quality of ground water. Radionuclides in ground water, however, were neglected until Kaufmann and Bliss (1977) reported data for 49 wells sampled in Sarasota County during 1975 and 1976. Many of these wells were not identified as, or selected for, being open to discrete water-bearing zones; therefore, only selected data from their report are included.

SIGNIFICANCE OF URANIUM AND RADIUM-226

Uranium is seldom found in natural waters in toxic concentrations (Gough and others, 1979, p. 53). It is associated with phosphatic deposits in Florida (Cathcart, 1966, p. 36), and, as radium-226 is a daughter product in the uranium-238 series (Friedlander and others, 1964, p. 9), the uranium data presented in table 1 may prove useful in later geochemical interpretations.

Radium-226 is the most important naturally occurring radionuclide likely to occur in public water supplies (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1976). Radium is sometimes found in surface water as a result of man's activities, but in ground water it usually occurs as the result of natural geochemical processes (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1976). Because of the health risk, the maximum contaminant level for combined radium-226 and radium-228 was set at 5 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) by the National Interim Primary Drinking Water Regulations (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1976).

LOCATION AND RESULTS OF SAMPLING

The location of well sites where water samples were collected is shown in figure 1, and results of chemical analyses are listed in table 1. Each site listed in table 1 has been assigned a map number and an identification number as used in the Geological Survey's nationwide data storage and retrieval system. The map number identifies the site location in figure 1. The identification number reflects the site latitude, longitude, and sequential number. For example, the well having station number 265653082190301 is located at latitude 26°56'53", longitude 82°19'03", and its sequential number is 01. Table 1

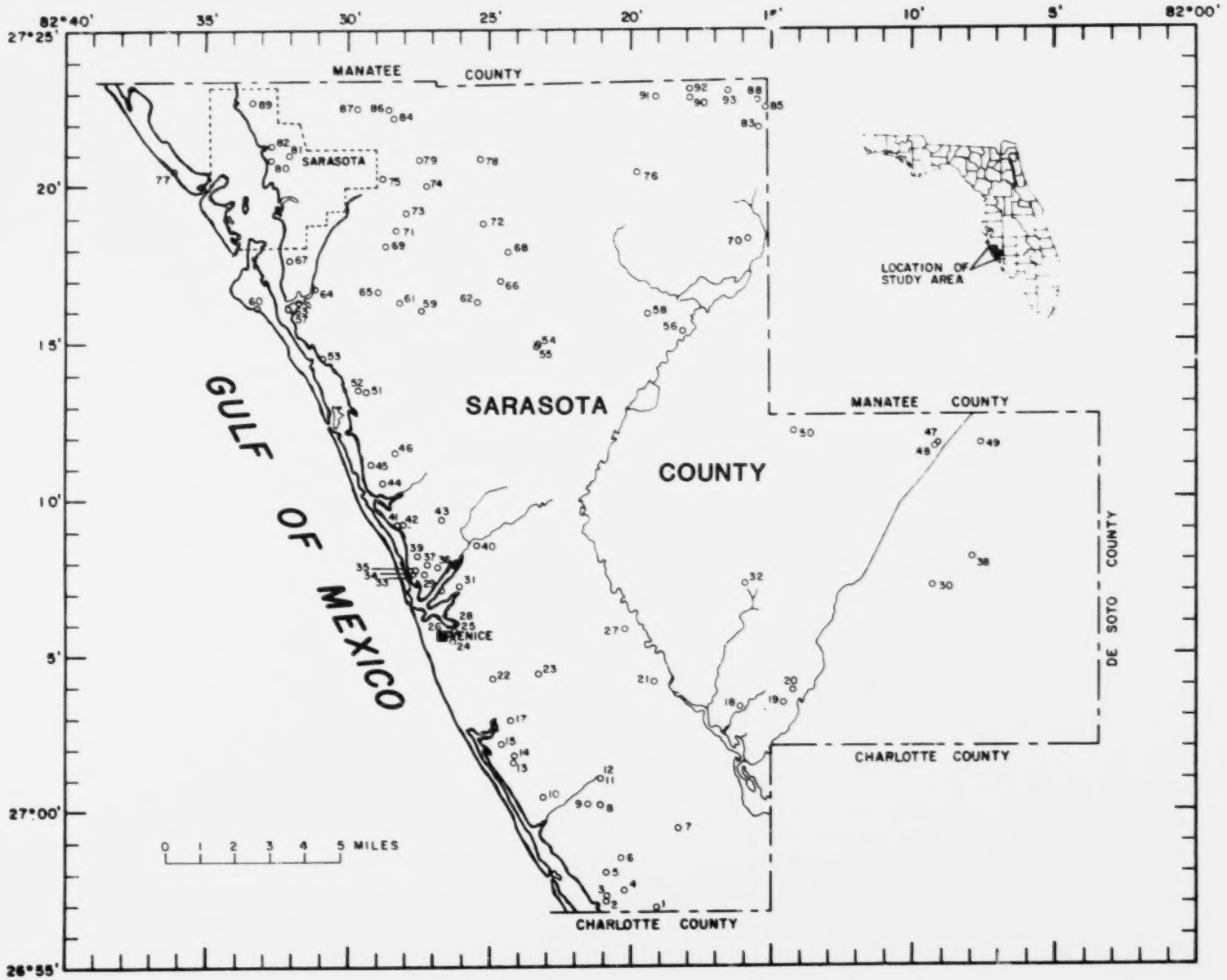

Figure 1.--Locations of study area and sampling sites.

Table 1.--Chemical analyses of ground water in Sarasota County

Dissolved constituents are in picocuries per liter (pCi/L); micrograms per liter (ug/L); or milligrams per liter (mg/L).
Hydrologic zones are selected according to Joyner and Sutcliffe (1976), table 2, p. 19 and noted as follows: S, surficial zone; 1, Tamiami Formation; 2, upper unit, Hawthorn Formation; 3, lower unit, Hawthorn Formation and Tampa Limestone; 4, basal Tampa Limestone, Suwannee Limestone, and Ocala Limestone; 5, Avon Park Limestone.
Samples from several sources are identified as follows: MR, mixed raw water; MP, mixed product water after treatment; M, mixed (several wells); R, raw (single well); P, product (to service).

MAP NUMBER	STATION NUMBER	DATE OF SAMPLE	TIME	HYDROLOGIC ZONE	SAMPLING DEPTH (FT)	RADIUM 226, DISSOLVED, RADON METHOD (PCI/L)	RA-226, DISSOLVED, PLANCHET COUNT (PCI/L)	SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE (MICROMHOS)	URANIUM DISSOLVED EXTRACTION (UG/L)	URANIUM DISSOLVED DIRECT FLUOROMETRIC (PCI/L)
1	265853082190301	75-12-02	1530	1	48	--	--	<150	--	--
		76-12-08	1200	2	107	--	--	3400	--	--
		75-12-09	1430	2	140	--	--	1000	--	--
		75-12-10	1110	2	170	--	--	2000	--	--
		75-12-11	1000	2	200	--	--	1650	--	--
		75-12-12	1000	4	300	--	--	--	--	--
		75-12-17	1555	3	326	--	--	1600	--	--
		76-05-10	0930	3	--	<5	--	--	--	--
2	265710082205101	75-12-23	1400	2	93	--	--	510	--	--
		75-12-30	0900	2	160	--	--	3000	--	--
		75-12-30	1401	2	188	--	--	1800	--	--
		76-01-06	1000	3	310	--	--	4700	--	--
		76-05-10	1030	3	--	<5	--	--	--	--
3	265713082205601	75-05-17	1245	5•1•MR	--	--	--	702	--	--
		75-08-25	1240	5•1•MR	--	--	--	934	--	--
		76-07-27	1145	5•1•MR	--	1.7	--	--	--	--
4	265731082201101	76-05-27	1000	1	48	1.9	--	--	--	--
		76-05-27	1000	2	150	12	--	--	--	--
5	265801082205601	76-05-03	1500	1	41	.91	--	840	--	--
6	265834082202402	74-02-08	1430	5	--	--	--	<3	--	--
7	265930082181601	76-05-10	1040	5	24	3.3	--	--	--	--
8	270018082210902	76-08-24	1210	1	--	13	--	1690	--	--
9	270021082221301	76-05-04	1100	5	42	4.6	--	2490	--	--
10	270041082230401	76-05-27	1300	2	127	7.3	--	--	--	--
11	270102082211401	76-04-05	1210	2	120	7.4	--	--	--	--
12	270102082211402	76-08-31	1630	1	70	.44	--	420	--	--
13	270134082240801	76-07-27	1345	1•2•MR	--	3.1	--	--	--	--
14	270134082240301	74-03-00	1800	2	195	--	3.7	594	--	--
		74-03-12	0835	2	110	--	1.7	830	--	--
		74-03-14	1455	3	305	--	<1.4	460	--	--
15	270209082243201	76-04-13	1400	1	--	<.3	--	1000	--	--
17	270252082241601	76-07-27	1410	2•MR	--	1.4	--	--	--	--
18	270314082160601	76-10-13	1500	2	42	--	16	1100	--	--
19	270332082143601	76-10-13	1300	1	60	--	<.5	3420	--	--
		76-10-14	1300	2	115	--	25	1090	--	--
20	270343082141401	76-10-13	0915	2	104	--	5.7	1300	--	--
21	270408082141101	76-07-27	1320	1•2•MR	--	4.6	--	--	--	--
22	270422082245101	76-07-27	1420	1•2•MR	--	3.2	--	--	--	--
23	270424082231401	76-07-27	1430	2•MP	--	2.2	--	--	--	--
24	270542082261801	74-02-06	1400	2	163	--	5.4	--	--	--
25	270543082261706	74-02-08	1140	5	--	--	4.4	--	--	--
26	270543082261902	74-06-02	1300	1	68	--	4.2	--	--	--
27	270553082200801	76-07-27	1550	1•2	--	14	--	--	--	--
28	270601082261401	75-06-17	1045	MP	--	--	--	1360	--	--
		76-08-24	1615	MR	--	--	--	2120	--	--
		76-07-27	1040	1•2•MR	--	9.0	--	--	--	--
29	270702082264609	74-01-24	1100	2•R	--	--	12	--	--	--
		74-01-24	1115	2•R	--	--	10	--	--	--
		74-02-01	1115	2•R	--	--	--	--	--	--
30	270710082042101	74-01-25	1200	2•3•4•5	--	--	3.7	--	--	--
31	270711082260201	76-07-20	--	1•2•MP	--	.22	--	530	<.01	--
		76-07-20	1110	1•2•MR	--	2.7	--	2450	.02	--
		76-07-20	1125	1•2•MP	--	--	--	--	--	--
32	270714082155201	76-05-10	1300	3	--	3.4	--	--	--	--
33	270732082275101	76-07-20	1015	1•R	--	12	--	2550	--	.4

SOLIDS, RESIDUE AT 180 DEG. C DIS-SOLVED (MG/L)	SOLIDS, SUM OF CONSTI-TUENTS, DIS-SOLVED (MG/L)	CALCIUM DIS-SOLVED (MG/L AS CA)	MAGNE-SIUM, DIS-SOLVED (MG/L AS MG)	POTAS-SIUM, DIS-SOLVED (MG/L AS K)	SODIUM, DIS-SOLVED (MG/L AS NA)	STRON-TIUM, DIS-SOLVED (UG/L AS SR)	BICAR-BONATE (MG/L AS HCO3)	CHLO-RIDE, DIS-SOLVED (MG/L AS CL)	SULFATE DIS-SOLVED (MG/L AS SO4)	FLUO-RIDE, DIS-SOLVED (MG/L AS F)	HARD-NESS (MG/L AS CACO3)
--	--	130	65	--	--	2400	210	580	44	.5	630
--	--	200	190	--	--	29000	177	2600	470	.6	1500
--	--	140	75	--	--	4100	152	960	25	.6	760
--	--	120	57	--	--	8700	149	600	1.5	.7	540
--	--	90	47	--	--	8400	154	480	12	.4	440
--	--	140	140	--	--	20000	163	1300	180	1.9	950
2820	2220	130	120	17	490	18000	159	1200	150	1.7	840
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	93	5.6	--	--	850	300	46	.3	.2	260
--	--	110	--	--	--	1300	300	120	1.6	.2	280
--	--	200	94	--	--	10000	164	1200	170	.5	920
2860	2570	210	110	19	540	30000	164	1400	180	1.1	1000
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
546	494	110	14	1.0	60	900	296	134	14	.4	330
582	520	110	12	1.4	69	940	288	150	12	.3	330
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	120	23	--	--	1400	340	150	25	.4	400
1150	900	110	46	6.4	150	4300	146	450	21	.5	470
375	350	47	13	1.3	17	270	340	31	4.5	.1	300
--	--	29	2.5	--	--	180	84	5.6	28	.4	70
545	551	120	11	.2	75	820	430	120	2.4	.1	350
1200	978	100	41	9.5	190	6700	180	450	25	.6	430
2040	1700	140	63	6.0	330	12000	240	740	220	.4	750
824	622	87	30	6.4	85	3700	180	260	24	.4	350
--	--	75	34	--	--	3400	190	120	110	.7	330
414	385	120	7.3	.5	21	640	370	34	2.8	.2	330
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
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--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
290	291	32	14	6.1	34	3100	173	48	22	3.3	150
--	--	130	10	--	--	750	450	90	4.8	.2	370
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1150	1100	150	55	4.0	140	4800	260	410	150	.4	610
--	--	200	100	--	--	8600	220	970	280	.6	920
1850	1740	160	85	9.4	370	17000	140	700	290	.8	770
1420	1340	170	74	8.4	210	14000	430	420	210	.6	750
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1010	--	220	2[illegible]	--	--	1100	340	93	370	.1	660
--	--	140	17	--	--	1200	240	150	240	.2	550
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
990	887	170	44	2.9	64	3[illegible]0	278	96	340	.7	610
1700	1600	270	100	5.4	90	9500	211	180	820	1.0	1100
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	230	88	--	--	6000	140	150	720	.6	940
--	--	83	85	--	--	22000	63	510	400	1.5	580
--	--	--	--	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	400	180	5.9	--	15000	153	92	1400	1.8	1700
--	--	48	26	--	--	2000	30	21	200	.5	210
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	430	150	5.4	--	14000	152	90	1400	2.7	1700

TABLE 1.--CHEMICAL ANALYSES OF GROUND WATER IN SARASOTA COUNTY-CONTINUED

MAP NUMBER	STATION NUMBER	DATE OF SAMPLE	TIME	HYDROLOGIC ZONE	SAMPLING DEPTH (FT)	RADIUM 226 DISSOLVED RADON METHOD (PCI/L)	RA-226 DISSOLVED PLANCHET COUNT (PCI/L)	SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE (MICROMHOS)	URANIUM DISSOLVED EXTRACTION (UG/L)	URANIUM DISSOLVED DIRECT FLUOROMETRIC (PCI/L)
		78-07-20	1035	1,M	--	8.4	--	910	<.01	--
		79-01-24	1130	1,M	--	--	12	--	--	--
		79-01-24	1145	1,M	--	--	1.2	--	--	--
34	270737082271501	78-07-19	1300	2,M	--	4.9	--	1400	.01	--
		78-07-19	1330	2,M	--	.69	--	240	<.01	--
35	270734082273601	78-07-19	1400	5,1,MR	--	10	--	2450	.02	--
		78-07-19	1445	5,1,MR	--	.98	--	383	<.01	--
36	270746082265001	78-07-20	0930	1,MR	--	10	--	1440	.02	--
37	270757082270101	78-04-13	1300	5	29	13	--	2130	--	--
		78-04-13	1500	5	40	2.2	--	1310	--	--
		78-04-14	0940	1	87	9.0	--	2640	--	--
		78-04-14	1030	1	87	9.8	--	2640	--	--
38	270802082075501	79-01-25	1300	--	--	--	4.9	--	--	--
39	270831082272501	78-07-19	1520	2,MR	--	2.2	--	1540	.01	--
40	270842082252701	78-07-20	0830	1,2,MR	--	14	--	1700	.07	--
41	270904082281701	78-04-25	1515	1	42	9.0	--	1105	--	--
		78-04-27	0850	2	82	6.2	--	1350	--	--
		78-04-27	0930	2	93	11	--	1640	--	--
		78-04-27	1445	2	127	10	--	2380	--	--
42	270903082280201	79-01-26	1500	1,2,3,MR	--	--	--	1490	--	--
		78-07-19	1100	1,2,3,MR	--	1.8	--	555	<.01	--
		78-07-19	1130	1,2,3,MR	--	--	--	--	--	--
		78-07-19	1200	1,2,3,MR	--	--	--	--	--	--
43	270920082264401	78-07-20	1420	2,3,MR	--	8.9	--	1440	.04	--
44	271034082285901	78-07-20	1500	MR	--	--	--	--	--	--
		79-01-24	1045	MR	--	--	1.0	--	--	--
		79-01-24	1315	MR	--	--	22	--	--	--
		79-02-01	1045	MR	--	--	--	--	--	--
		79-02-01	1415	MR	--	--	--	--	--	--
45	271111082290409	79-01-24	1300	2	--	--	12	--	--	--
46	271131082282301	78-04-14	1415	2	--	6.4	--	2260	--	--
		79-01-11	1000	2	--	--	--	2400	--	--
47	271134082092201	78-05-11	1110	2	--	.94	--	--	--	--
48	271134082042202	79-02-02	1130	5	--	--	3.1	--	--	--
49	271137082074801	79-05-08	0835	2	220	--	5.6	770	--	--
		79-07-17	0930	2,3,4,5,M	1108	--	--	750	--	--
50	271202082141701	78-03-15	0900	5	40	1.3	--	820	--	.5
		78-03-17	0930	2	100	4.1	--	690	--	2.7
		78-03-19	0930	2	155	4.5	--	660	--	3.3
51	271324082292209	79-01-24	1330	1,M	--	--	7.1	--	--	--
		79-02-01	1330	1,M	--	--	--	--	--	--
52	271332082243801	78-10-10	0840	2	--	--	9.0	--	--	--
53	271428082305301	78-04-19	1210	1	43	7.3	--	1110	--	--
		78-04-19	1420	2	63	7.0	--	2400	--	--
		78-04-19	1600	2	80	11	--	1790	--	--
		78-04-19	1540	2	80	13	--	1750	--	--
54	271456082230401	78-05-10	1430	1	--	3.6	--	--	--	--
55	271456082230402	78-05-10	1450	5	--	.12	--	--	--	--
56	271507082180601	78-03-01	0800	2	142	13	--	880	1.4	--
		78-03-02	0800	2	166	14	--	1150	1.3	--
		78-04-03	0800	2	210	8.7	--	1060	--	4.0
		78-04-05	0800	3	300	14	--	1100	1.0	--
57	271550082320501	74-12-11	1300	2	101	--	23	2280	--	--
58	271552082192701	78-09-22	1050	2	145	3.9	--	860	--	--
59	271557082271001	77-09-08	1010	2,MR	--	--	--	--	--	--

SOLIDS, RESIDUE AT 180 DEG. C DIS- SOLVED (MG/L)	SOLIDS, SUM OF CONSTI- TUENTS, DIS- SOLVED (MG/L)	CALCIUM DIS- SOLVED (MG/L AS CA)	MAGNE- SIUM, DIS- SOLVED (MG/L AS MG)	POTAS- SIUM, DIS- SOLVED (MG/L AS K)	SODIUM, DIS- SOLVED (MG/L AS NA)	STRON- TIUM, DIS- SOLVED (UG/L AS SR)	BICAR- BONATE (MG/L AS HCO3)	CHLO- RIDE, DIS- SOLVED (MG/L AS CL)	SULFATE DIS- SOLVED (MG/L AS SO4)	FLUO- RIDE, DIS- SOLVED (MG/L AS F)	HARD- NESS (MG/L AS CACO3)
--	--	120	40	4.0	--	4100	1	30	430	1.0	490
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	130	70	2.9	--	6730	80	39	890	.9	750
--	--	22	9.1	1.0	--	810	24	11	95	.1	84
--	--	370	130	6.0	--	1000	170	140	1100	.5	1500
--	--	30	11	1.5	--	850	36	22	65	.1	120
--	--	140	64	4.7	--	3100	210	68	580	.5	700
--	--	400	91	--	--	830	230	54	1100	.3	1400
--	--	190	51	--	--	560	280	70	370	.2	600
--	--	360	140	--	--	1200	210	130	1200	1.2	1500
2270	2090	350	150	5.5	50	1300	160	120	1300	1.5	1500
--	--	87	28	--	--	12000	200	190	340	1.6	350
--	--	240	71	4.8	--	4400	216	58	710	.4	890
--	--	220	77	5.0	--	6700	150	88	740	.5	870
--	--	130	49	--	--	1000	360	130	180	.5	480
--	--	240	45	--	--	130	290	120	200	.5	770
--	--	170	100	--	--	400	320	110	650	.4	840
2270	2110	370	150	5.0	55	13000	180	93	1300	.6	1000
--	--	260	83	--	--	11000	280	110	740	1.1	1100
--	--	73	31	2.2	--	5000	102	44	270	.5	310
--	--	470	173	--	--	16000	150	200	1500	2.0	1400
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572	547	88	27	4.0	80	870	270	97	95	.4	340
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--	--	120	95	--	--	3400	280	200	510	1.7	540
1380	1270	140	100	10	110	4700	230	180	560	1.8	770
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1830	1770	200	120	12	260	7000	280	400	640	.5	1000
510	483	75	28	3.4	50	1500	240	88	90	1.2	300
840	775	130	52	3.3	40	2400	200	81	330	.8	540

TABLE 1.--CHEMICAL ANALYSES OF GROUND WATER IN SARASOTA COUNTY--CONTINUED

MAP NUMBER	STATION NUMBER	DATE OF SAMPLE	TIME	HYDROLOGIC ZONE	SAMPLED DEPTH (FT)	RADIUM 226, DISSOLVED, RADON METHOD (PCI/L)	RADIUM 226, DISSOLVED, PLANCHET COUNT (PCI/L)	SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE (MICROMHOS)	URANIUM DISSOLVED (UG/L)	URANIUM DISSOLVED, DIRECT FLUOROMETRIC (PCI/L)
		78-02-01	1400	2,MM	--	--	9.3	--	--	--
60	271601082930501	78-08-23	0800	S	34	3.6	--	[illegible]	--	--
		78-08-24	1330	1	64	110	--	1,100	--	--
		78-08-24	1500	1	74	68	--	[illegible]	--	--
		78-08-28	0900	1	84	68	--	5750	--	--
		78-08-29	1130	2	130	61	--	7000	--	--
		78-08-29	1500	2	155	15	--	4000	--	--
		78-08-30	0900	2	170	13	--	6830	--	--
		78-08-30	1630	2	190	69	--	3010	--	--
		78-08-31	1400	2	215	62	--	6100	--	--
		78-09-05	1300	3	285	3.8	--	1450	--	--
		78-09-07	1100	3	315	3.4	--	1360	--	--
		78-09-07	1400	3	345	6.3	--	2030	--	--
		78-09-11	1500	3	335	4.6	--	1700	--	--
		78-09-11	1800	3	345	7.6	--	1730	--	--
		78-10-03	1630	3	500	7.8	--	3200	--	--
		78-10-05	1430	4	530	6.7	--	1540	--	--
		78-10-05	1530	4	535	4.1	--	4030	--	--
		78-10-09	1430	4	560	4.4	--	4150	--	--
		78-08-05	1800	4	--	--	--	--	--	--
		78-08-28	1650	4	--	--	--	2340	--	--
61	271402082490201	78-02-02	0900	2	--	--	7.2	--	--	--
62	271609082252401	78-09-14	1500	2	--	.3	--	445	--	--
63	271612082313401	78-11-29	1600	3	420	3.8	--	2630	--	--
		78-12-01	1600	4	545	3.9	--	3725	--	--
64	271633082311901	78-04-19	1030	2	--	10	--	--	--	--
65	271634082295801	78-11-02	1000	1	69	--	3.2	1053	--	--
		78-11-13	1300	2	140	--	9.8	750	--	--
		78-11-13	1530	2	170	--	7.1	830	--	--
		78-11-14	1630	2	190	--	5.3	709	--	--
		78-11-20	1500	2	240	--	3.2	850	--	--
		78-11-20	1630	3	255	--	6.8	760	--	--
		78-11-28	1300	3	315	--	2.2	520	--	--
		78-11-29	1030	3	345	--	3.7	745	--	--
		78-12-04	1750	3	370	--	4.0	980	--	--
		78-12-05	1000	3	375	--	2.6	1200	--	--
		78-12-05	1330	3	415	--	2.4	1350	--	--
		78-12-07	1400	3	450	--	2.0	1000	--	--
		78-12-12	1630	4	495	--	1.6	1490	--	--
		78-12-13	1100	4	510	--	1.3	2030	--	--
		78-12-18	1200	4	585	--	3.4	2310	--	--
66	271649082243901	78-09-20	1130	2	124	10	--	1320	--	--
67	271747082320401	78-11-07	0930	S	44	--	1.0	--	--	--
		78-11-08	0930	1	62	--	1.7	955	--	--
		78-11-08	1130	1	78	--	8.4	1020	--	--
		78-11-09	0830	2	134	--	5.0	--	--	--
		78-11-09	1130	2	160	--	12	--	--	--
68	271757082241301	78-02-01	1515	2	--	--	2.8	--	--	--
69	271803082284101	78-07-28	1030	2	110	3.1	--	--	--	--
70	271821082155101	78-05-11	0950	S	22	.07	--	--	--	--

SOLIDS, RESIDUE AT 180 DEG. C DIS-SOLVED (MG/L)	SOLIDS, SUM OF CONSTI-TUENTS, DIS-SOLVED (MG/L)	CALCIUM DIS-SOLVED (MG/L AS CA)	MAGNE-SIUM, DIS-SOLVED (MG/L AS MG)	POTAS-SIUM, DIS-SOLVED (MG/L AS K)	SODIUM, DIS-SOLVED (MG/L AS NA)	STRON-TIUM, DIS-SOLVED (UG/L AS SR)	BICAR-BONATE (MG/L AS HCO3)	CHLO-RIDE, DIS-SOLVED (MG/L AS CL)	SULFATE DIS-SOLVED (MG/L AS SO4)	FLUO-RIDE, DIS-SOLVED (MG/L AS F)	HARD-NESS (MG/L AS CACO3)
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834	--	130	53	--	--	1900	260	94	340	.6	550
283	285	46	21	.8	25	260	240	28	24	.3	200
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2330	2120	290	140	10	160	19000	180	360	1000	1.3	1300
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598	547	95	41	2.9	43	580	230	46	120	.7	410
738	--	160	37	--	--	1500	270	72	210	.8	450
494	443	70	28	3.6	50	3100	240	63	57	1.0	260
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TABLE 1.--CHEMICAL ANALYSES OF GROUND WATER IN SARASOTA COUNTY--CONTINUED

MAP NUMBER	STATION NUMBER	DATE OF SAMPLE	TIME	HYDROLOGIC ZONE	SAMPLING DEPTH (FT)	RADIUM 226, DISSOLVED, RADON METHOD (PCI/L)	RA-226, DISSOLVED, PLANCHET COUNT (PCI/L)	SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE (MICROMHOS)	URANIUM DISSOLVED, EXTRACTION (UG/L)	URANIUM DISSOLVED, DIRECT FLUORIMETRIC (PCI/L)
71	271942082243901	78-07-31	1200	2	120	<.0	--	--	--	--
72	271846082250401	78-07-05	1400	2	162	15	--	--	--	--
73	271901082275601	78-04-14	1600	2	--	30	--	1115	--	--
74	271959082270901	74-01-11	1300	2	--	--	13	795	--	--
75	272013082285401	78-06-28	1500	2	89	1.8	--	--	--	--
76	272020082144801	78-01-11	1430	3	300	.15	--	--	--	--
		78-01-12	1145	3	400	1.2	--	--	--	--
		78-01-13	1245	4	500	3.2	--	--	--	--
		78-02-06	1650	4	500	--	--	--	--	--
77	272025082300301	78-04-21	1200	3	320	5.5	--	2040	--	--
78	272043082251701	78-10-04	1430	2	183	--	1.2	--	--	--
79	272047082273701	78-07-07	1100	2	150	15	--	--	--	--
80	272049082324401	79-04-06	1200	3	479	--	5.6	--	--	--
81	272053082320202	78-04-29	1400	5	1147	3.2	--	5500	--	--
82	272102082324001	79-01-22	1145	4	--	--	5.5	--	--	--
83	272151082151401	78-07-13	0800	3	400	3.3	--	430	--	<.7
		78-09-10	0900	4	655	<.4	--	720	--	1.4
		78-04-24	1158	4	655	5.1	--	868	<.01	--
84	272202082242401	78-11-07	1100	3	475	--	5.9	--	--	--
		78-11-08	1200	4	715	--	3.2	--	--	--
85	272209082151201	75-05-01	0900	4	570	--	--	76[illegible]	--	--
		75-07-14	1420	4	570	5.3	--	740	<.01	--
86	272222082283201	78-12-06	1700	2	132	--	.8	397	--	--
87	272222082294001	78-09-22	1500	2	92	7.8	--	820	--	--
88	272233082152701	75-04-30	1430	4	600	--	--	1140	--	--
		78-07-14	1330	4	600	5.3	--	1120	.05	--
89	272237082331401	78-11-09	1030	1	38	--	2.8	396	--	--
		78-11-16	1530	3	380	--	2.5	1105	--	--
		78-11-17	0830	3	--	--	3.7	1145	--	--
90	272244082175301	75-04-28	1430	4	578	--	--	940	--	--
		78-07-13	1340	4	520	6.3	--	980	.01	--
91	272248082140401	75-04-28	0900	4	607	--	--	1050	--	--
		78-07-13	0830	4	607	1.4	--	1100	<.0	--
		78-01-27	0855	4	--	--	--	1045	--	--
92	272252082175401	75-06-17	0900	MW	--	--	--	995	--	--
		76-08-25	1100	MW	--	--	--	1010	--	--
		78-08-01	1210	MW	--	4.0	--	--	--	--
93	272259082163501	75-04-30	1300	4&5	1000	--	--	1300	--	--
		76-07-14	1245	4&5	1191	4.3	--	1370	.02	--
		78-07-27	1335	4&5	--	--	--	1145	--	--

SOLIDS, RESIDUE AT 180 DEG. C DIS- SOLVED (MG/L)	SOLIDS, SUM OF CONSTI- TUENTS, DIS- SOLVED (MG/L)	CALCIUM DIS- SOLVED (MG/L AS CA)	MAGNE- SIUM, DIS- SOLVED (MG/L AS MG)	POTAS- SIUM, DIS- SOLVED (MG/L AS K)	SODIUM, DIS- SOLVED (MG/L AS NA)	STRON- TIUM, DIS- SOLVED (UG/L AS SR)	BICAR- BONATE (MG/L AS HCO3)	CHLO- RIDE, DIS- SOLVED (MG/L AS CL)	SULFATE DIS- SOLVED (MG/L AS SO4)	FLUO- RIDE, DIS- SOLVED (MG/L AS F)	HARD- NESS (MG/L AS CACO3)
495	437	94	24	4.4	45	1100	250	95	31	1.3	270
1130	760	140	62	3.6	55	5900	210	98	410	1.1	610
707	543	78	41	10	73	1200	230	230	4.1	1.9	370
539	521	72	43	4.8	37	4400	210	66	140	2.3	360
991	954	90	47	8.5	140	900	260	230	180	.8	420
247	305	33	23	5.4	32	6800	220	37	15	3.1	180
301	310	40	23	4.2	25	11000	230	23	39	2.1	210
425	424	140	85	3.6	15	28000	170	19	520	1.9	740
583	556	78	41	3.8	24	16000	200	22	240	1.9	380
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375	353	77	0.1	1.9	42	340	200	83	18	.7	220
513	505	79	32	3.1	38	2800	210	87	130	2.3	330
--	--	240	130	--	--	22000	160	280	870	2.1	1200
4020	3510	430	200	15	480	21000	89	1100	1200	1.0	1900
5110	5010	450	220	29	1200	2700	160	2400	1200	1.1	2100
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295	265	39	22	4.8	25	510	210	33	11	1.5	190
522	490	57	34	4.9	47	570	210	43	48	1.0	310
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--	--	100	57	--	--	24000	205	15	330	1.3	500
--	--	100	52	3.2	--	24000	204	20	350	1.4	490
--	--	130	64	--	--	30000	197	17	400	1.5	620
--	--	130	60	3.3	--	25000	187	21	400	1.4	600
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730	687	110	52	3.0	21	16000	212	25	360	1.3	510
766	718	120	58	2.8	15	20000	192	21	380	1.4	550
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--	--	180	75	--	--	18000	194	15	560	1.1	780
--	--	200	78	2.9	--	16000	192	19	600	1.3	830
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also lists the hydrologic zone (as described by Joyner and Sutcliffe, 1976, p. 19) and depth sampled, where known, and results of radionuclide and chemical-quality analyses. Data for wells where the hydrologic zone is not identified are given because they are representative of the quality of the raw water or product water at a water plant. Generally, the water furnished is all from the same zone.

Some areas of the county were not sampled because wells in the areas were not open to a single water-bearing zone, or because there was no drilling in the areas during the data collection period. Data listed in table 1 are from files of the U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, or from sampling done as part of this study.

Radiochemical and chemical characteristics were determined for 200 groundwater samples collected from 92 wells in the county. Radium-226 activities ranged from near zero to 110 pCi/L. Radium-226 analysis was made on 161 of the water samples and 86 samples equaled or exceeded the 5 pCi/L maximum contaminant level established by the National Interim Primary Drinking Water Regulations (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1976). Sixty percent of the wells had radium-226 activities, at one or more depths, that exceeded the recommended maximum contaminant level.

Data for chemical constituents are included because they are useful for water-management planning and data interpretation. Data from this initial phase of the study will be used in the interpretive phase to determine if the occurrence of radionuclides in ground water is associated with specific water-bearing zones, perhaps zones containing abundant phosphatic minerals in the rocks. A definition of hydrogeologic units, geologic controls, and the occurrence of radionuclides may provide a basis for developing well-construction methods that would prevent water with high radionuclide concentration from entering producing wells.

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